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SUBJECT: USE OF LOCALS IN ARMORING PROJECT

REF: (1) TEHRAN 7006 (2) A-2666, DATED APRIL 21, 1974

FOR RSO TEHRAN, BEIRUT FOR RSS/RTC FROM SY/FO

1. WE AGREE WITH RSO THAT ARMISH/MAAG LOCALS SHOULD BE EXCLUDED FROM OBSERVING/ASSISTING INSTALLATION ARMOR. OUR VIEW BASED ON RSO DISCRIPTION THESE LOCALS AS BEING TRANSIENT.

2. A-2666 ADVISES THAT "USE OF LOCAL TECHNICIANS IS ACCEPTABLE, PROVIDING THE POST TAKES IMMEDIATE POSSESSION OF ALL ARMORING MATERIAL TO PREVENT ANALYSIS OF ITS BALLISTIC CHARACTER AND RESISTANCE", IN DISCUSSING DISPOSAL OF ARMORED CARS WHEN NO SEABEE TECHNICIANS ARE AVAILABLE. OUR VIEW IS THAT LOCAL TECHNICIAN USED SHOULD BE PERMANENT CLEARED EMPLOYEE UNDER OBSERVATION. HOWEVER, THIS DOES NOT APPLY IN THIS INSTANCE, SINCE SEABEES AVAILABLE.

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3. OBJECTIVE IS TO PREVENT (1) ANALYSIS OF ARMOR MATERIAL TO DETERMINE BALLISTIC LIMITATIONS AND (2) KNOWLEDGE OF WHERE ARMOR IS NOT APPLIED, WHICH INDICATES WEAKNESS. INGERSOLL

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